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The following items were adopted at the April 15, 1999, Commission meeting and released later that day.

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## NEWS RELEASES

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FCC ADOPTS TRUTH-IN-BILLING PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES TO HELP CONSUMERS UNDERSTAND THEIR PHONE BILLS AND TO DETER SLAMMING AND CRAMMING. The FCC adopted principles and guidelines that will make it easier for all consumers to read and understand their telephone bills. Report No: CC-99-12. by 1st R&O & FNPRM. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: April 15, 1999. Dkt No.: CC-98-170. (FCC No. 99-72) News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. CCB Contact: Common Carrier Bureau: Emily Hoffnar at (202) 418-0253, David Konuch at (202) 418-0700. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/News\\_Releases/1999/nrcc9025.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9025.wp)

FCC LIFTS REGULATIONS ON INTER-CARRIER AGREEMENTS IN BROAD REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS POLICY. The FCC approved sweeping reform of the longstanding international settlements policy, deregulating inter-carrier settlement arrangements between U.S. carriers and foreign non-dominant carriers on competitive routes. Report No: IN-99-16. by R&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: April 15, 1999. Dkt No.: IB-98-148. (FCC No. 99-73) News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: International Bureau: Robert McDonald at (202) 262-1198 (until April 19), (202) 418-1476 (beginning April 19), Kathryn O'Brien at (202) 441-5164 (until April 19) (202) 418-0439 (beginning April 19). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News\\_Releases/1999/nrin9016.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1999/nrin9016.wp)

FCC REAFFIRMS AUCTION PROCEDURES FOR COMPETING COMMERCIAL BROADCAST LICENSE AND ITFS APPLICATIONS. The FCC reaffirmed its decision to use auctions to resolve competing applications for commercial broadcast licenses. by MO&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: April 15, 1999. (FCC No. 99-74) News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. MMB Contact: Mass Media Bureau Contact: Jerianne Timmerman at (202) 418-1600 and Lisa Scanlan at (202) 418-2700, Office of General Counsel: John Riffer and Lee Martin (202) 418-1720. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/News\\_Releases/1999/nrmm9010.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/News_Releases/1999/nrmm9010.html)

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The following items are dated for and released on April 16, 1999:

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## NEWS RELEASES

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COMMISSION ACTS TO EXPAND LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION. Seeks Comment on Unbundling of Network Elements. The Commission today adopted a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks comment on what network elements incumbents must make available to new entrants in the local telecommunications market. Report No: CC-99-13. by 2nd NPRM. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: April 16, 1999. (FCC No. 99-70) CCB Contact: Common Carrier Bureau: Claudia Fox and Jake Jennings at (202) 418-1580, News Media Division: Emily Hoffnar at (202) 418-0253. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/News\\_Releases/1999/nrcc9026.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9026.wp)

FCC FILINGS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Filings/f1990416.html>

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Calendar/c1990416.html>

OPEN PROCEEDINGS. OPA Contact: Public Service Division: Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Open\\_Proceedings/op990416.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Open_Proceedings/op990416.html)

ALLIANCE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY SOULTIONS' TESTING OF INTERCONNECTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEWORK INDICATES NO ANOMALIES. OPA Contact: ATIS Press Contact: John Bernhards at (202) 434-8850, FCC Year 2000 Media Contact: Nancy Plon at (202) 418-2899. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/News\\_Releases/1999/nrmc9019.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/News_Releases/1999/nrmc9019.wp)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Report No: NCD-270. Released: April 16, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION. Contact: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Ginny Kennedy at (202) 418-2328.

Report No: NCD-271. Released: April 16, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION. Contact: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Ginny Kennedy at (202) 418-2328.

Report No: NCD-272. Released: April 16, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION. Contact: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Ms. Ginny Kennedy at (202) 418-2328.

Report No: NCD-273. Released: April 16, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION. Contact: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Ms. Ginny Kennedy at (202) 418-2328.

Report No: NCD-274. Released: April 16, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION. Contact: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Ms. Ginny Kennedy at (202) 418-2328.

Released: April 16, 1999. MINBURN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF SECTIONS 61.41(C) AND (D) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES.Pleading Cycle Established, Comments Due: May 17, 1999, Reply Comments Due: June 1, 1999. (DA No. 99-740). Contact: Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Rodney McDonald at (202) 418-1520. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990740.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da990740.txt)

Report No: 44472. Released: April 16, 1999. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Actions/ac990416.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac990416.txt)

Report No: 24472. Released: April 16, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Applications/ap990416.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap990416.txt)

Report No: 83. Released: April 16, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS TENDERED FOR FILING. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/ITFS\\_Notices/pnmm9047.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm9047.html)

Released: April 16, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CONDITIONALLY GRANTS 23 PHASE II 220 MHZ LICENSES AND ANNOUNCES IT IS PREPARED TO GRANT FOUR ADDITIONAL PHASE II 220 MHZ LICENSES AFTER FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE AUCTION EVENT NO. 18. Report No. AUC-18-L (Auction No. 18). (DA No. 99-746). Contact: Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: Scott A. Mackoul at (202) 418-7240. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990746.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da990746.wp)

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## TEXTS

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WXTV LICENSE PARTNERSHIP, G.P. Granted in part, and denied in part, WXTV's petition for special relief for on-air channel positioning against Cablevision Systems Corporation in the New York ADI. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: April 16, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-733). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da990733.wp>

CHANNEL 18, HARTFORD, CT. Granted the application of Martin W. Hoffman, Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for Astroline Communications Company Limited Partnership for renewal of license for WHCT(TV), Channel 18, Hartford, CT. Dkt No.: MM-97-128. Action by Administrative Law Judge. Adopted: April 14, 1999. by Initial Decision. (FCC No. 99D-1). MMB

KTLA, INC. Issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000 for repeated violations of the Commission's rule limiting the amount of commercial matter that may be aired during children's programming, and found KTLA(TV) qualified to remain a Commission license, and granted application for renewal of license for station KTLA(TV), Los Angeles, CA. Action by Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by NAL for Forfeiture. (DA No. 99-728). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/da990728.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da990728.wp)

TRIBUNE TELEVISION COMPANY. Issued a Notice of Apparent Liability in the amount of \$14,500 for repeated violations of the Commission's rule limiting the amount of commercial matter that may be aired during children's programming, and found Tribune qualified to remain a Commission license and granted the license renewal application of Tribune Television Company for station WTIC(TV), Hartford, Connecticut. Action by Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by NAL for Forfeiture. (DA No. 99-729). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/da990729.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da990729.wp)

SULLIVAN BROADCASTING LICENSE CORPORATION. Denied request by Sullivan Broadcasting for a permanent waiver of the duopoly rule to permit common ownership of WUTV(TV), Buffalo, NY, and WUHF(TV), Rochester, NY; granted a conditional waiver subject to the outcome of the Commission's pending broadcast ownership rulemaking in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8. Action by Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-726). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/da990726.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da990726.wp)

AMERICAN GENERAL MEDIA CORPORATION/LICENSEE OF STATION KISV(FM). Issued a Notice of Apparent Liability in the amount of \$4,000 to American General Media Corporation, licensee of KISV(FM), Bakersfield, CA, for willful and repeated violations of Section 73.1206 of the Commission's Rules. By Letter.

Action by Chef, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: April 14, 1999. by Letter. (DA No. 99-721). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/da990721.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da990721.wp)

LIABILITY OF WTMJ, INC. FORMER LICENSEE, STATION WIFC(FM), WAUSAU, WISCONSIN. Rescinded \$6,250 forfeiture assessed against WTMJ, Inc. Action by Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: April 14, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-722). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/da990722.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da990722.wp)

**ADDENDA: The following items, released April 15, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 72:**

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## NEWS RELEASES

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AUCTION OF LICENSES FOR WIRELESS PHONE SERVICES RAISES \$412,840,945.00. The FCC's wireless phone services auction for Broadband Personal Communications Service (PCS) raised a total net revenue of \$412,840,945.00. Report No: WT-99-10. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: Bob Reagle (Auctions) at (202) 418-0792 or Lauren Kravetz or David Judelsohn (Commercial Wireless) at (202) 418-7240. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News\\_Releases/1999/nrwl9014.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrwl9014.html)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: April 15, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NUMBER CONSERVATION MEASURES. Pleading Cycle Established, Comments Due: May 14, 1999; Reply Comments Due: May 28, 1999. (DA No. 99-725). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990725.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da990725.wp)

Released: April 15, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE RBOC/GTE/SNET PAYPHONE COALITION PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYPHONE COMPENSATION PAYMENT. Comments Due: May 15, 1999; Reply Comments Due: June 1, 1999. (DA No. 99-730). Dkt No.: CC-96-128. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990730.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da990730.wp)

Report No: CWS-99-35. Released: April 15, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS INFORMATION. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/pnwl9092.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/pnwl9092.wp)

Released: April 15, 1999. FCC ANNOUNCES THE CONDITIONAL GRANT OF THREE LOCAL MULTIPONT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE LICENSES (BALANCE OF WINNING BIDS ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 1999). (DA No. 99-720). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990720.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da990720.wp)

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PETITION OF AMERITECH CORPORATION FOR FORBEARANCE FROM ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 275(A) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. Extended until August 11, 1999, the date on which the petition requesting forbearance filed by Ameritech Corporation ("Ameritech") shall be deemed granted in the absence of a Commission decision that the petition fails to meet the standards for forbearance under Section 10(a) of the Act. Dkt No.: CC-98-65. Action by Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-716). CCB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1999/da990716.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/da990716.wp)

PINE BLUFF RADIO, INC./SEARK RADIO, INC./EASTHAM, EASTHAM & GRAVES/METRO BIRCH ENTERPRISES, INC./ALAN W. EASTHAM AND CRAIG L. EASTHAM, INC/METRO BIRCH ENTERPRISES, INC. Denied application for review filed by Bayou Broadcasting and granted the applications to assign stations KDDA(AM) and KXFE(FM), Dumas, AR, to Metro Birch Enterprises. Action by the Commission. Adopted: April 1, 1999. by MO&O. (FCC No. 99-67). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1999/fcc99067.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/fcc99067.wp)

PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Granted Petition by Pinpoint Communications, Inc. and reinstated Pinpoint's long-form application for Local Multipoint Distribution Service authorizations to serve BTA185, Hastings, Nebraska and BTA270, McCook, Nebraska. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-719). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da990719.wp>

PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Issued a Notice of Apparent Liability in the amount of \$3,000 to Pinpoint Communications, Inc. for failure to timely submit its "long-form" application (FCC form 601), in apparent violation of Sections 1.1207 and 101.1106 of the Commission's Rules. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: April 15, 1999. by NAL for Forfeiture. (DA No. 99-718). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da990718.wp>

**ADDENDA: The following items, released April 14, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 71:**

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Report No: ARC-00004. Released: April 14, 1999. ACCOUNTING RATE CHANGE RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. (DA No. 99-705). Contact: Telecommunications Division, International Bureau: Ken Stanley at (202) 418-1486, email: [kstanley@fcc.gov](mailto:kstanley@fcc.gov), TTY: (202) 418-2555. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1999/da990705.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1999/da990705.pdf)

**ADDENDA: The following items, released April 7, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 66:**

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OMNIPOINT CORPORATION. Granted Omnipoint's request for a limited waiver of Section 24.710(a) for bidders in Auction No. 22. Action by Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: April 7, 1999. by Letter. (DA No. 99-667). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da990667.wp>

**ADDENDA: The following items, released April 5, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 64:**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BROADBAND PCS SPECTRUM INCLUDED IN THE AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 1999. Upheld Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's decision to include the Hawaii licenses in Auction No. 22. Action by the Commission. by Order. (FCC No. 99-56). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/fcc99056.wp>